

# BULGARIAN ATTACK IS DRIVEN BACK AND ONE OF THEIR TOWNS TAKEN

## BRITONS ARE ENTHUSED AT LATEST GAIN

News of Serbians and Anglo-French Occupying Bulgarian Town Is Received.

### ALSO REPULSE ATTACK

Allied Forces Turn Advance of Bulgars Into Retreat, According to Report.

Oct. 18, 1915 (1250 p. m.)—British and French troops have occupied the Bulgarian town of Strumitsa, according to a report of Balkanists, according to allied messages from Athens. The British closely on news that Bulgarians with allied assistance, have repulsed a Bulgarian attack at Vlasenitsa, forcing the advance of the Bulgarians into a retreat beyond their own border.

The Anglo-French-Serbian assault on the Balkans has passed out of view of surprise has a vivid foreground of fire and is battered by Dogger, a British observer in Macedonia, at the outset with success.

French Press Timely Aid.

The arrival of French troops at the moment of the moment when the Serbians struggle with 50,000 newly arrived Bulgarians at Vladočica and Durmido still hung in the balance has dramatically quieted which for the moment seems to help capture the military advantage of the other side.

The chief military importance of the allied-Balkan forces is the defeat of the Bulgarian project of cutting the Salonta-Nish railroad, which is known to have been the Bulgarian objective. It is not clear whether British troops cooperate with the French in this operation, but a message from Athens states that the British had left Balkanistia, the last British-Bulgarian frontier post, last Friday, May 15, least were near the scene of fighting.

British and British help-thus far has been fully exercised by increased reinforcements against the Bulgarians, which makes a further extension of Turkish forces to the Balkans impossible.

Success According to Britons.

In the eastern districts the Germans are still supporting the Bulgarian post, but isolated at Ruse, but Bulgarian reinforcements report this to be part of a concentration intended to drive the Allies from the Tyssos region and not to which have gained greatly in comparison with the Italian development. At present, though although the most recent General Staff is difficult to evaluate with certainty, the Germans have been unable to extend its influence on the eastern bank of the Danube.

A particularly intense artillery bombardment took place in the Chisinau region, the French begin to make rapid progress. A strong Bulgarian column of Neuville in the north and the Grecian wood post has been consolidated.

Oct. 18, 1915 (London 2:30 p. m.)—The British forces in the Macedonian districts of the Balkans, where strong Bulgarian posts are still held in the Tyssos districts, are now beginning to press a successful advance towards the German army headquarters.

The German advance south of Tyssos continues and progress is also being made in the Posavine sector. Additional advances are reported from Bulgaria on the eastern bordering Bulgaria.

In regarding the progress of operations in the Balkan theater of war, today's announcement says:

"In the posavine district the enemy is making no retreat."

Our troops are advancing south of Belgrade against Ovcar-Grob and the village of Vrnić, Southeast of Požarevac, and Crnač and Bosnica.

The Bulgarians have occupied the heights of Muslin-Pereš and Badin-Pereš."

Football Player Fatally Injured.

St. Louis, Oct. 18.—J. Bryan Scott, a Notre Dame football player, who was seriously injured in the game with St. Louis University here Saturday, was brought today to be almost beyond hope of recovery. His spine was dislocated.

Gainesburg, Ill., Oct. 18.—William Foothill, of Lombard, Ill., captain of Lombard college football team, was reported today to be in a serious condition from injuries to the spine received in Saturday's game with Illinois Wesleyan.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 18.—Edwin Manson pulled a shotgun after him as he crawled through a barbed-wire fence. The hammer of the gun caught on the wire, discharging it. Manson is dead. He was hunting rabbits.



THE LADY IN DISTRESS

## COUNTERS OF FRENCH SEND TEUTONS OFF

Three Distinct Attacks of Germans Are Driven Back by the Slav Forces.

### SOUTH OF RIVER SOMME

In Sector of Lihons, Says Paris, Continual Fighting Is Taking Place.

Paris, Oct. 18 (2:30 p. m.)—French forces repelled completely last night three German attacks, according to one announcement given today by the French war office. These took place in Bois-en-Haine, northeast of Soissons.

"Three new attacks on the part of the enemy against our positions at Bois-en-Haine, in the particular of Soissons, were completely repelled and signs of capture of fire in which both artilleries and infantry participated.

To the south of the river Somme, in the sector of Lihons, there has been almost continual fighting with French opponents while in the meantime our opponents directed an offensive on against the German works.

"North of Soissons, German forces have advanced in search for craters of shells exploded between the lines. They have been repelled everywhere."

"Last night saw very spirited battery fire between the trenches. In the vicinity of Somme, our artillery in the same region has dispersed groups of plowmen of the enemy, particularly in the east of Epey and near Grimonpre and Bapaume, and it has also harassed the railroad station at Bapaume."

Berlin Statements.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—The rest of the general statement issued today by the German army headquarters said follows:

"The French work northeast of Vervins, which projects far into the enemy positions, was repeatedly attacked by the English with strong forces. All their attacks failed with heavy losses and the trench was retained in our hands."

"Attempts to penetrate held pace with the increase in the rate of closing operations. A week ago Sunday twelve thousand arrests were made. Yesterday 30 persons were arrested for drunkenness. The average number of Sunday arrests is 25. Chief of Police Heuer said, however, that the Sunday closing has decreased the amount of crime to a very considerable extent."

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"On Schrammangele the enemy could not recapture a single foot of ground by his attacks notwithstanding the loss of a considerable quantity of armament."

"Yesterday German air squadrons attacked the fortress of Reitzen, drove off the enemy auditors and dropped eight bombs on the fortress. A number of bombs were observed to have been caused by the aeroplanes."

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg in his attack south of Lihons made good progress. Two officers and 250 other soldiers remained in our hands."

"Russian attacks west of Jambischek were repelled."

"West of Iglau we captured enemy positions extending on a front of about two miles."

"Further south, in the region of Morgan, repeated Russian attacks undertaken with strong forces were repelled with heavy losses to the enemy. Two officers and 115 men were taken prisoners."

"In the Meuse district the enemy is beginning to retreat on the plateau land. South of Belgrade our troops are advancing against Ovcar-Grob and the village of Vrnić."

"Southeast of Požarevac the towns of Oršiće and Bosnica have been captured."

"Bulgarian troops have occupied the heights of the Sutla-Pereš and Badin-Pereš. Further south they are pushing forward by way of Egri-Pereš."

"On the river Sava, from Raduška to Kukliščki more local engagements have developed."

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, cooler tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 50. Highest yesterday, 68. Lowest last night, 49.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 2 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 92; at 7 a. m., 93; at 1 p. m., today, 57.

Stage of water, 68; a rise of 1 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## PRESIDENT IS TO SPEAK FOR OUR DEFENSE

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Three new lines of the front of the Balkans have apparently been opened by the French and British, according to one announcement given today by the French war office. These took place in Bois-en-Haine, northeast of Soissons.

German aircraft dropped eight bombs on the French fortress of Belfort, Berlin announces, the aviators noting that a number of fires followed the explosions.

In Russia, Field Marshal von Hindenburg reports good progress by his attack south of Riazan, Russian attacks west of Gatchina and in the Smolgorod region were repelled, while the Germans claim to have captured Ryschke positions on a front nearly two miles west of Riazan.

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Washington, Oct. 18.—Carranza force gained ground.

Favored Leader of Mexican Republic Is Rapidly Routing the Opposing Parties.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—Carranza reports today at Tolosa, near Mexico City, has been taken from Zapatista forces, that nearly half the state of Chiapas is controlled by Carranza troops, that Carranza is on his way to the interior and that quite soon in the north are arming anarchist attacks by Villa forces.

It was reported that before attacking Parral, Villa troops killed the town.

Food supplies in large quantities were sent to be stored in Mexico City. It was reported that the defeat of Raúl Batista, a Villa leader, on the west coast, whose forces at Topo fell to the insurgents.

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 18.—The first bridge across the Rio Grande in more than three weeks occurred at 4 o'clock Sunday morning near the Sterles pumping plant, 35 miles above here, when Mexicans fired from 30 to 40 shots. The American soldiers repelled the fire but one was hurt.

LID IS CLAMPED ON ILLINOIS CAPITAL

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 18.—Sheriff J. A. Wheeler's order that the segregated districts of this city be closed went into effect at midnight.

Joseph Wheeler is a physician. In issuing the order that the result of the state capital and Sangamon county be closed, the world-physician declared that he was prompted to take this action for the sake of public health.

All of the negroes and inmates of inmates in the segregated districts had been compelled to keep their enclaves for several years. The sheriff said he anticipated that sports would be made when congress assembled to urge the expenditure of the whole amount within two years or less. Through a great increase in both public and private shipbuilding facilities he thought it would be virtually impossible to constrain the 16 ships in one year than the period fixed by law. Mr. Daniels said he thought the program approved by the president would find the most economical and sensible to be pursued unless a great emergency should arise.

BELGIANS STAND GERMAN ATTACK

Nancy, Oct. 18.—Belgian forces held their positions in face of heavy cannonading from the enemy's trenches.

Liège, Oct. 18.—The Belgian Standart published here, says that a terrible bombardment was in progress along the Yser front Saturday and Sunday nights. The firing was especially violent near Dixmude and Ypres.

This bombardment was the prelude to an attempt by the Germans to break through Belgian lines. The Belgian artillery returned the fire, smelting the enemy's communication trenches and scattering his infantry as they leaped from the trenches. A second attack on a smaller scale also was repulsed.

This offensive took place in the Dixmude region at a spot known as "Death's Highway," which has been stubbornly disputed by both sides. Although mowed down in rows the Belgians have been holding their own and not yielding an inch of ground.